

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-02-21**

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For Work Week Commencing: February 18, 2002  
Business Meeting: February 21, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.2.18 – PSC Reevaluation of Gas Universal System Benefits Programs – Discussion, Direction, Action on Notice of Inquiry. 2/21/02
2. D2001.11.153 – Regal Diversified and Qwest - Discuss Terms of Resale Agreement. 2/21/02
3. D2001.11.155 – Bridgeband and Qwest – Discuss Interconnection Agreement and Present Terms to Commission for Approval. 2/21/02
4. D200.2.27 & D2000.5.63 – Ronan v. Blackfoot et al; Ronan v. Clark Fork – Discuss Complaint and Present Pending Motions to commission for Action. 2/21/02
5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Seek Commission Approval on Final Report for Check List Item 1 Collocation. 2/21/02

6. Qwest's Preferred Local Carrier Freeze Option – Discuss Qwest's Local Carrier Freeze Option and AT&T'S Request that the Commission prohibit it. (2/21/02)
7. FCC 02-8 – School Libraries and Universal Service Support Mechanism (E-Rate) – Discuss recent Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Possibility of Issuing PSC Comments. 2/21/02

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC. DOCKET NO. D2002.2.15 (Eric)

On February 6, 2002, MDU filed an application seeking authority to issue up to 100,000 additional shares of the Company's common stock to be issued from time to time in connection with MDU Resources Group, Inc. Group Genius Innovation Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to encourage employees to share ideas with the Company and to reward employees should those ideas become profitable. The Plan is open to all employees. A default order has been drafted.

2. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. N2002.2.13 (Leroy)

On February 8, 2002, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 02-05, DSS, UAS & ISDN PRS promotion. This proposed promotion for Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), Uniform Access Solution (UAS), and ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) is for the period from March 4, 2002 through April 30, 2002. During this time, customers subscribing to DSS, ISDN PRS, or UAS will have a two-year contract option available with the DSS and UAS options priced at \$815 per month and ISDN PRS at \$955 per month. These bundled prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, and with ISDN PRS it also includes the service configuration. This promotion is available on orders placed and/or completed during the

promotional period or at the net available offered due date, and where facilities are available. Qwest is requesting a March 4, 2002 effective date.

3. PG&E ENERGY TRADING – POWER, L.P. Docket N2002.1.9 (Will)  
On January 23, 2002, PG&E Energy Trading – Power, L.P. filed an application for a license to supply electricity in the state of Montana. If it is granted a license, PG&E would solicit and serve large commercial and industrial customers.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

### **Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-02-26**

### **New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2002.2.16 - Montana-Dakota Utilities - Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Change  
D2002.2.17 - Energy West - Monthly Gas Cost Tracking Application  
D2002.2.18 - PSC Inquiry into Gas USBP